GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:100
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2001
TRAINING TO UNEMPLOYED HANDICAPPED YOUTHS
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed handicapped youths in the country;

(b) whether there is any schemes for imparting training to unemployed handicapped youths for setting up small-scale industries in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the schemes; and

(d) the number of unemployed handicapped youths, who have been benefited from this scheme till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a)&(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.100 FOR ANSWER ON 23.11.2001

As per information compiled upto June, 2000, the total number of persons with disabilities enrolled in the Live Register of Employment Exchanges is 4.66 lakhs.

The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) aims at providing income-generating assets through a mix of government subsidy and bank credit. The Scheme targets the most vulnerable rural poor and 3% among the Swarojgaris assisted must be disabled persons. Credit and subsidy disbursed to persons with disabilities in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 under the scheme amounts to Rs.30.22 crores covering 15,435 beneficiaries. The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) extends soft loans to persons with disabilities for self-employment ventures. The Corporation has so far disbursed Rs.24.95 crores in loans covering 5509 beneficiaries. For evaluating the residual capacity of the disabled persons, imparting them vocational training and guidance and providing them the job or assisting them in self- employment according to their capacity, 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) are functioning in the country. 1,31,900 persons with disabilities have been rehabilitated by these centers till June 2001. Under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities, 141 non-governmental organizations have been assisted by the Central Government to the tune of Rs.11.26 crores during 2000-2001 for running vocational training centers covering 8040 beneficiaries.